
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [98](#)

BY DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC307/1} (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [99](#)

BY DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC312/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [103](#)

BY Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Miller, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1050/1} (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [106](#)

BY Ujifusa, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Miller, Sosnowski, Lauria, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTROL OF HIGH PRESCRIPTION COSTS -- REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS {LC926/1} (Regulates PBMs policies and practices relating to accurate costs and pricing reporting, restricts discriminatory practices and establishes consumer protections and enforcement of penalties for violations by the office of the attorney general.)

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [280](#)

BY Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, Raptakis, LaMountain, Bell, Euer, Sosnowski, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

{LC1461/1} (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [281](#)

BY Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Acosta, Euer, Picard, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Britto, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC910/1} (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2024.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [292](#)

BY Valverde, Sosnowski, Lawson, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC1383/1} (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [566](#)

BY Lauria, DiPalma, Murray, Valverde, Euer, Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Ujifusa, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE

RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE

OVERSIGHT {LC2348/1} (Establishes a process whereby large drug manufacturers, may be penalized for prescription drug price increases where there is no, or inadequate, new evidence to support the price increase.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [573](#)

BY Valverde, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, DiPalma, Murray, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT {LC1818/1}

(Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name on list.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [575](#)

BY Lauria, Miller, Ujifusa, Bell, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC1879/1} (Requires health plans that provide coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors (epi-pens) to charge no more than \$35.00 for a thirty-day supply. Coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors would not be subject to any deductible.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [582](#)

BY DiMario, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, DiPalma, Valverde, Murray, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC1828/1} (Regulates the marketing of prescription drug manufacturers using direct-to-consumer marketing strategies including coupons, discount cards and similar offers, to provide information about lower cost alternatives.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/31/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [563](#)

BY Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Pearson, Euer, Lawson, Mack, Acosta, Miller, Cano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION {LC1940/1} (Requires coverage for the treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for treatment of HIV infection, commencing January 1, 2024.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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